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Baby with two heads born in Brazil

ANAJAS, Brazil -- A baby boy with two perfectly formed heads was born in Brazil this week, the country's media reported.

The 4.6-kilogram 10.1-pound baby was delivered by emergency C-section early Monday in Anajas, in the northeastern Para State.

The baby's 23-year-old Brazilian mother was admitted to the Hospital Municipal de Anajas in severe pain.

She did not have any ultrasound exams during her pregnancy and was made aware of the baby's condition only a few moments before the birth.



The infant shares one heart and one set of vital organs, but both heads have started nursing normally, doctors said.

Aruba played crucial role in Kingdom Conference

Last week an Aruban delegation participated in the Dutch Kingdom Conference held in The Hague, the Netherlands. Aruba resulted in playing a crucial role in this important Conference. It appears that what happened behind closed doors during this Conference almost resulted in the disruption of the Conference.

During the initial hours of this first Dutch Kingdom Conference it seemed that the Conference would have become a total flop.

The Curacao delegation and that of the Netherlands stood at direct opposing views of each other. The Prime Minister of Curacao was not interested in talking about cooperation unless they first discussed the limitation of guarantees that the Statutes provides her countries.

However, Dutch Minister Piet Hein Donner of Dutch and Internal Affairs stood firm: "...the Statutes are not under discussion, and Curacao is also obligated to comply with agreements it made."

According to observers, after much exchange of words, Curacao was heralded the cardinal question...what exactly does Curacao want? Does Curacao want independence or to work together in a constructive manner giving substance to a productive relationship within the Dutch Kingdom?

The Prime Minister of Sint Maarten, Sarah Wescot-Williams like Piet Hein Don-



L.-r. Gerrit Schotte, Piet Hein Donner and Mike Eman

ner stand behind Aruba's vision to create a strategic partnership within the Dutch Kingdom. Aruba's Prime Minister emphasized that they should not focus on what makes the islands different, but to focus on what unites them. That we should not focus on so called polemic issues but rather on the possibilities that the Statutes offer for a successful cooperation on economic, commercial, cultural and social matters.

Eman appealed to everyone present to "In the interest of our communities to look at the added value that the Dutch Kingdom has." Eman's observations were responsible for a change of heart of the delegations. Eventually the Curacao dele-

gation also supported the vision of Aruba. This resulted in a successful closure of the first Dutch Kingdom Conference.

The governments of Holland, Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten signed a declaration in which they recognize the interest and added value of the Dutch Kingdom, and in which they pledge cooperation in favor of prosperity and benefits for their respective communities; in which they promise to ensure active compliance and to give substance to a progressive cooperation. They decided to form a special work group to outline which are the specific areas and possibilities where they can corroborate and work on.

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Island Jews conduct a community lighting of the first candle of Hannukah



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Island visitors Zamors and Zimmermans share the holiday

Temple Beth Israel in Oranjestad was well filled as the local Jewish community was joined by several vacationers on island for the end of the year, the occasion being the lighting the

first candle of the 8-day Festival of Lights, Hannukah.

Hannukah is a convivial holiday lasting 8 days in commemoration of the miracle of the relighting of the lamps in

ancient times in the temple in Jerusalem. It is an adventure-some tale to tell young Jewish children, of the fierce Maccabees defending the faith and recapturing the temple from the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C.E.

In Hebrew, Hannukah means "dedication," for the rededication of the temple. In 168 B.C.E. the Jewish Temple was seized by Syrian-Greek soldiers and dedicated to the worship of the god Zeus. This upset the Jewish people, but many were afraid to fight back for fear of reprisals. Then in 167 B.C.E. the Syrian-Greek emperor Antiochus made the observance of Judaism an offense punishable by death. He also ordered all Jews to worship Greek gods.

Jewish resistance began in the village of Modiin, near Jerusalem. Greek soldiers forcibly gathered the Jewish villages and told them to bow down to an idol, and then eat the flesh of a pig – both practices that are forbidden by their faith. A Greek officer ordered Mattathias, a High Priest, to acquiesce to their demands, but Mattathias refused. When another villager stepped forward and offered to cooperate on Mattathias' behalf, the High Priest became outraged.

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United Nations recognizes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

(WEAAD) annually on June 15.

UNITED NATIONS, New York -- The United Nations General Assembly has officially recognized Elder Abuse as a global social issue which affects the Health and Human Rights of millions of older persons around the world, and an issue which deserves the attention of the international community.

The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, (WEAAD), was first instituted by The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) on June 15, 2006.

Elder abuse, perhaps the

last taboo, is widely unrecognized and grossly under reported around the Globe, according to the studies undertaken by many INPEA members from numerous countries.

Established in 1997, INPEA has lead the way in raising awareness and urging NGO's, grassroots organizations and governments to action. Today, INPEA, together with the Global Coalition on the Rights of Older Persons is working towards a new U.N. Convention on the Rights of Older Persons.

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United Nations recognizes... A shining new Subway Alhambra is again open for business

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Presently, almost 7 years after INPEA launched the first WEAAD, Argentina, a country with a long and deep history of concern regarding older persons rights, has promoted the UN resolution to institute WEAAD as an international day of observance. Indeed, in 1948, it was Argentina, under the leadership of Eva Perón, which had called for the first U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Older Persons. Argentina, together with Brazil, Chile, and many other Latin and South American countries, are working toward a regional convention.

The African Commission on Human and People's

Rights is poised to establish a Protocol on Older Persons. Yet, without a Universal Instrument, older persons rights will continue to be subject to the whim of nations, as much "soft law" abounds, but little enforceable "hard laws" exist.

Susan B. Somers, JD
Secretary General,
INPEA

For more information on how you can take part in WEAAD and what you can do to protect and promote the rights of older persons and prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation, go to INPEA's website at www.inpea.net

Subway Alhambra re-opened its doors this past Monday after many months of renovations and remodeling. This was good news for Subway's many local clients and its myriad of tourists who frequent this fast-food outlet for their freshly prepared delicious sandwiches. The Subway Alhambra is now Aruba's newest Subway on Aruba.

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First candle...

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He drew his sword and killed the villager, then turned on the Greek officer and killed him too. His five sons and the other villagers then attacked the remaining soldiers, killing all of them.

Mattathias and his family went into hiding in the mountains, where other Jews wishing to fight against the Greeks joined them. Eventually they succeeded in retaking their land from the Greeks. These rebels became known as the Maccabees, or Hasmoneans.

Once the Maccabees had regained control they returned to the Temple in Jerusalem. By this time, it had been spiritually defiled by being used for the worship of foreign gods and also by practices such as sacrificing swine. Jewish troops were determined to purify the Temple by burning ritual oil in the Temple's menorah for eight days; to their dismay, they discovered that there was only one day's worth of oil left in the Temple. They lit the menorah anyway, and to their surprise the small amount of oil lasted the full eight days.

This is the miracle of the Hanukkah oil that is celebrated every year when Jews light a special menorah known as a hanukkiyah. One candle is lit on the first night of Hanukkah, two on the second, and so on, until eight candles have been lit.

Rabbi Dr. Mario Gurevich led the congregation in joyous songs as neighbors and families lit 20 hanukkiyahs set up for the first night, and the large one outside the temple. Afterwards, they shared traditional treats of potato kugel and sufganiot, (jelly donuts.)

The temple will conduct a community candle lighting service each night of Hanukkah until the finish on Tuesday, December 27, at 7:00 PM and vacationers are welcome to join them.

By Rosalie Klein



Before scuba diving started, you are required to travel to other destinations in order to improve your knowledge about this country and meet new friends. Nowadays, with the advent of the internet this can be done, but you would not be satisfied because there is no real interaction. As a result, new generations are becoming addicted to communication via the internet, rather than enjoy the real nature of the world.

I have discovered through

years of scuba diving that it is not necessary to catch a plane for 10 hours to meet somebody. In fact, families become united and aware of their needs when diving in a group with PADI dive centers. Furthermore, the chance to meet individuals from all parts of the world is one of the most rewarding aspects of scuba diving.

Most divers know that the acronym of this amazing sport is Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus commonly known SCUBA. However, when I encounter divers

from all over the world I use a completely and exciting definition of this common word.

S is for surprise. Every dive is like opening a present; I never know what I will encounter during a morning, afternoon or night dive. Around 80% of the world is made of water. Therefore, if you haven't dived you are missing 80% of the world. Go ahead and try scuba diving!

C is for connected and confident. There will be a link between the underwater species and yourself. Confidence un-

derwater improves by diving more often.

U is for upspeak and unique. New divers will begin to speak another language the scuba language that includes having fun, protection and more fun. Exceptional experiences and adventures you will have underwater from swimming along turtles to diving along manta rays.

B is for beauty and best. The underwater environment is rich in life, different species and discoveries that you will admire every time you are underwater. Honestly, it will be the

best sport to be underwater and observe the marine creatures that habit this ecosystem.

A is for appreciation and achievement. It is easy to appreciate individuals who you just met on the dive boat by interacting with them prior the dive. At the end, when finish your diving course or when you collect trash out of the water, it will be a huge achievement for you.

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Aruba's National Archeological Museum celebrates its 30th anniversary



30th anniversary of MANA

An impromptu gathering of press and staff members of NAMA celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the museum on December 20, 1981. Head Administrator Arminda Ruiz and Marguerita Wever of the Educational Department welcomed visitors and press to the Rosenberg House in the complex to unveil a new page added to their website in English: www.namaruba.org in honor of the occasion. The addition provides a timeline of the formalized study of archeology on Aruba, and the many steps

along the way that led to the unique facility which officially opened in 2009.

It is a Dutch Catholic priest, Father Antonius Joannes van Koolijk, who is considered the founder of archeological studies both here in Aruba and Curacao. Stationed to the islands in 1880, he was "an enthusiastic field worker and keen observer," with particular interest in the history and culture of the local Amerindians. He sent a number of artifacts to the National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden during his tenure, 5 of which can be seen now at MANA.

When Dutch archeologist Egbert Boearstra came to the Dutch Caribbean to explore and excavate, he settled in Aruba, declaring it "the most archeologically rich island of all." Under the auspices of the Minister of Culture at the time, he crafted the first organized collection of local Pre-Ceramic artifacts which opened at Zoutmanstraat #1, one of the first such museums

to be established in the Caribbean, 30 years ago yesterday, to the day.

In 1988, talented graphic artist Evelino Fingal, the designer of Aruba's money, led a new generation enthusiastic about unearthing and sharing Aruba's ancient heritage; it was he who originally conceptualized and proposed the acquisition of the Ecury Complex in Oranjestad to house a national Archeological Museum. His vision was realized with assistance from the European Union.

For an interterm period, the museum was located within the confines of the Instituto di Cultura, while the plans and details of this final facility were processed. Since officially opening in July of 2009, the museum has attracted over 20,000 visitors and this attractive location has been the site of a number of community events, particularly aimed at stimulating island youth to take an interest in their cultural and historic heritage.

A new exhibit is in the making, as well as two publications coming out within the year, and several more events for youngsters. Arminda Ruiz pointed out that excavating the foundation of a new annex to the Government House revealed several artifacts from colonial times, which the museum is now evaluating.



Museum staffers with visiting researchers Olga van der Doooster and Michel Bakker



Margarita and Vivi show the new website

"These materials are iron, and are really not within the timeline to which are museum is dedicated, but their discovery has presented us with some very interesting new challenges. Ultimately, they may end up at the Historical Museum within Fort Zoutman, or ideally, in my opinion, would make a wonderful way to greet

visitors to the new annex, with a display of these important artifacts found at the site."

Visitors are welcome to the Aruba National Archeological Museum Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

by Rosalie Klein



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International News

US warns of new international pressure on Syria

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Wednesday warned of new international measures to halt Syria's bloody crackdown on protests after reports that more than 200 people had been "massacred" in two days.

The White House said if Damascus did not fully implement an Arab League plan to contain the violence, "the international community will take additional steps to pressure the Assad regime to stop its crackdown."

The Arab peace plan, endorsed by Syria on November 2, calls for a halt to violence,

the withdrawal of security forces from urban areas, the release of detainees, and the entry of 500 Arab monitors.

But the opposition Syrian National Council said Wednesday that forces loyal to Assad had "massacred" more than 200 people in two days.

The White House said in its statement that Assad's regime had "flagrantly violated their commitment to end violence and withdraw security forces from residential areas."

"The United States is deeply disturbed by credible reports that the Assad regime continues to indiscriminately

kill scores of civilians and army defectors, while destroying homes and shops and arresting protesters without due process," it said.

The White House went on to call for the "immediate and full implementation of the Arab League agreement" and urged Syria's remaining allies to urge Damascus to comply with it.

"Bashar al-Assad should have no doubt that the world is watching, and neither the international community nor the Syrian people accept his legitimacy," it said.

The United Nations estimates that more than 5,000 people, mainly opposition protesters, have been killed since mid-March, when Syrians began taking to the streets to demand the end of the Assad family's 40-year reign.

The protests were inspired by uprisings across the region that have led to the overthrow of long-ruling dictators in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya.

Rio police seize \$1.6 mn in gambling funds



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Rio police seized \$1.6 million Tuesday from a samba school leader suspected of running an illegal lottery, hauling away a stash of 50- and 100-reais bills in a shopping cart.

Police said the money -- three million reais -- belonged to Helinho de Oliveira, the head of the Uniao da Ilha samba school, one of twelve that participate in the annual Rio de Janeiro Carnival.

Golden replicas of weapons and jewelry were also seized in the raid on a luxurious house in the western borough of Barra da Tijuca.

Police pushed a shopping cart filled to the brim with bank bills that they found

stashed behind the refrigerator, under the roof and in the bathrooms of a house belonging to Oliveira's uncle. Money was even found in nearby sewers.

Oliveira, who is suspected of running an illegal lottery, is at large but five other people were arrested in the operation.

Another alleged gaming boss, Aniz Abraao David, who funds the prestigious Beija Flor samba school, is also sought by police. He is believed to have ties to the Jogo do Bicho ("animal game") illegal gambling game.

Police have already arrested 44 people in a crackdown on illegal gambling code-named "Dedo de Deus" ("God's Finger.")



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Health & Living

US official says bird flu limits not 'censorship'



Erasmus Universitair Medisch Centrum in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, where a team led by Ron Fouchier said in September it had created a mutant version of the H5N1 bird flu virus that could for the first time be spread among mammals.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Leading US health official Anthony Fauci on Wednesday rejected claims that the United States is censoring science by seeking to limit potentially dangerous bird flu information in major journals.

The controversy arose when two separate research teams -- one in the Netherlands and the other in the United States --

separately found ways to alter the H5N1 avian influenza so it could pass easily between mammals.

Until now, bird flu has been rare in humans, but particularly fatal in those who do get sick. H5N1 first infected humans in 1997 and has killed more than one in every two people that it infected, for a total of 350 deaths.

Based on fears that a deadly global pandemic could result if the mutant flu escaped a lab or if a terror group were to find out how to make it, a US advisory panel on Tuesday urged scientific journals to hold back key details.

The data "clearly has public health benefit but it has the potential to be used in nefarious ways by some people," said Fauci, who heads the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB), made up of 23 non-governmental experts, voted unanimously that studies should be published in the journals Science and Nature, but with limited information.

Fauci said that any "legitimate" researchers would be able to seek the full details for their own study.

"If their credentials are appropriate they will have access to that information. So it's not like classified information," he

told AFP.

"It's only for those people who have a need to know and have a legitimate purpose for it, as opposed to just throwing it out there so that anybody can do whatever they want," he added.

"It's absolutely not censorship because if you are a scientist and you have the need to know... you will definitely get that information."

The two research teams were funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health, and are in the process of working out changes to their manuscripts with the journals Nature and Science.

Fauci also said that fears of what the mutant virus might do have been overblown. For instance, just because it could be passed easily between ferrets does not necessarily mean it could be as easily transmitted between humans.

"There is a little bit of an overreaction," he said, calling reports of a "monster virus" a "bit dramatic."

The real concern is that H5N1 might mutate in nature and become an influenza that humans could catch and trans-

mit easily, so knowing what those flu features might look like is an important research and surveillance tool, he said.

"We could give that information to the people who are out of the field doing the surveillance, the health officials in Vietnam, Indonesia or China... so they will have a better chance of recognizing as the virus starts to evolve," he said.

"So the scientific question is very legitimate."

Fauci said the NSABB's request for redaction was the first time the advisory committee had made such an appeal, and acknowledged that it was not popular in all corners of the science world.

"There are many scientists who don't agree with the committee. So we need to re-look at what the rationale for that decision was, so we can all get together in an open and a transparent way, come up with some more concrete guidelines of what needs to be looked in these cases," he said.

"That is going to trigger some interesting dialogue, I believe."



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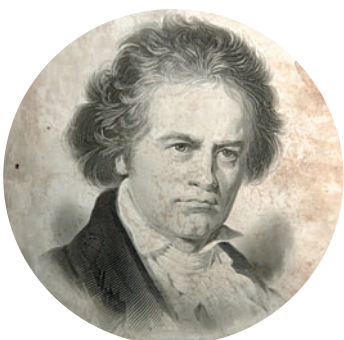
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Deafness shaped Beethoven's music



PARIS (AFP) - Progressive deafness profoundly influenced Beethoven's compositions, prompting him to choose lower-frequency notes as his condition worsened, scientists said.

Beethoven first mentioned his hearing loss in 1801 at the age of 30, complaining that he was having problems hearing the high notes of instruments and voices.

By 1812, people had to shout to make themselves understood and in 1818, he started to communicate through notebooks. In his last few years before his death in 1827, his deafness was apparently total.

Writing in the latest issue of the British Medical Journal (BMJ), a trio of scientists in the Netherlands dissected Beethoven's string quartets.

They grouped these works into four ages, ranging from early (1798-1800) to late (1824-26).

The experts looked at the first violin part in the first movement of each quartet, counting the number of notes above G6, which corresponds to 1,568 Hertz.

Use of higher notes decreased as the deafness progressed, they found.

To compensate, Beethoven used more middle- and low-frequency notes, which he could hear better when music was performed.

But in the late quartets -- written by the time he was totally deaf -- the higher notes returned.

"When he came to rely completely on his inner ear, he was no longer compelled to produce music he could actually hear when performed, and slowly returned to his inner musical world and early composing experiences," says the paper.

The study is authored by Edoardo Saccenti, Age Smilde and Wim Saris of the Netherlands Metabolomics Centre in Leiden. A video of the research can be seen on (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLYhIwT5A5c&feature=youtu.be>).

Sci-Tech

Dutch unveil latest plan in war against the sea: a sandbar

KIJKDUIN (AFP) - In its age-old war to keep back the sea, low-lying Netherlands has dumped sand onto a surface larger than 200 football fields just off the coast -- and will wait for nature to do the rest.

The wind, waves and ocean currents are the next "engineers" in this innovative project that will see the transferred sand -- all 20 million cubic metres (700 million cubic feet) of it -- driven landward to form a natural barrier against the North Sea's relentless onslaught.

"It's already working!" said an excited project coordinator Nico Bootsma as he stood seven metres (22 feet) above sea level at the hook-shaped peninsula's highest point. It's here, at the sandbar's northern edge, where waves are at their highest.

The elements have started moving the tip of the bar, which already almost touches land at low tide.

Over a period of 15 to 20 years, the sand will wash towards the coast, reinforcing beaches and existing sand dunes that help protect the Netherlands, more than a quarter of which lies below sea level.

"Under natural circumstances, the Dutch coast would erode away slowly," explained Leo Linnartz, an ecology expert who advised the project's developers on behalf of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Without reinforcing fragile shores, floods would eventually be inevitable, he said.

Over the decades, the Dutch have developed world-



A handout picture released by the Rijkswaterstaat and taken on May 24, 2011 shows the sand motor, a hook shaped peninsular of sand being built on the Dutch coast between Kijkduin and Ter Heijde.

renowned expertise in the field of hydro-engineering, notably in constructing dams, dikes and bridges.

Around 17,500 kilometres (10,600 miles) of embankment have already been built along its coast and rivers.

The new project was conceived by a group of experts commissioned by the Dutch government to help solve the country's ongoing headache.

It used dredgers to suck up ocean-floor sand 10 kilometres off the coast then dump it closer to land. Some of the huge machines were able to carry as much as 10,000 cubic metres of sand at one time.

If the experiment works, the sandbar project, situated between the seaside suburbs of Kijkduin and Ter Heijde near The Hague, will be replicated elsewhere in the country.

-- Work together with nature

The system could even be "exported", as many foreign delegations visiting the site have expressed interest in this new, simple solution.

"We used to do it (strengthening the coast) in such a way that we used a lot of stones and concrete and things like that," said Linnartz.

"But nowadays we prefer to work together with nature, to cooperate with natural forces."

The idea of strengthening the coastline with sand is not

new, said Linnartz. But placing it off the coast and allowing nature to take its course is not only a fresh approach to the problem but less harmful to the environment than simply dumping more sand on the dunes, he said.

Yet every time sand is moved in great quantities, ecosystems are disturbed, whether in the sea or on beaches and dunes, he noted.

While traditional shoring up happens around every five years, the new plan based on the sand's natural movement will last 15 to 20 years, allowing nature to recover in the long run.

According to Linnartz, the fact the sandbar was built up over a "limited" area -- about 200 hectares (500 acres) -- as opposed to dozens of kilometres of direct enforcement along the dunes was also more cost-effective.

"The sandbar has the shape of a hook because it is the most natural form," added Bootsma, saying the choice of a peninsula, rather than an island, was made to give the public easy access for daily use by strollers, wind surfers and surfers alike.

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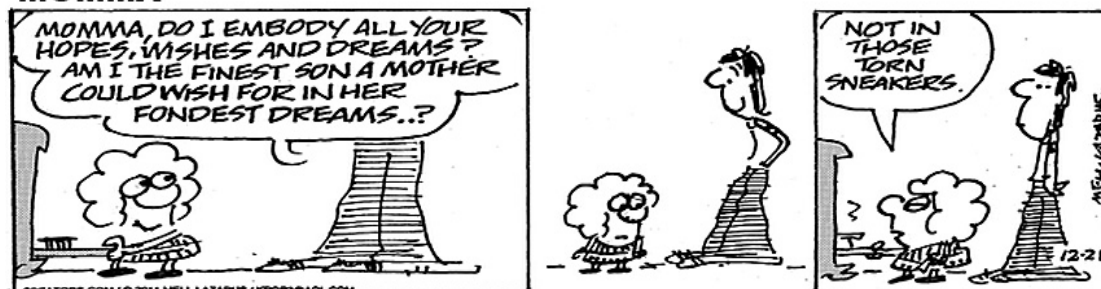
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14. Albert Schweitzer's instrument
15. Ishmael's boss
16. — vera
17. Biggest helping
19. Russian despot
20. Country star Kathy
21. Soak up
23. Moot
27. "My pop can whomp your pop," e.g.
31. Leg, '40s-style
32. Cupid
35. "The Anatomy Lesson" author
36. Little likelihood
39. For each
41. Of Aconagua's range
42. Tan outerwear fabric
46. Crow's-nest cry
47. French military cap
48. Roman goddess of plenty
49. Trapper's "currency"
50. Less bumpy
53. Summerhouse
56. Genies' grants
61. Follow directions
62. Whiskey and ginger ale drink
66. Other
67. Author-director Kazan
68. Mount — (NY's highest peak)
69. Becomes firm

70. Event shown in "Saving Private Ryan"
71. Buying binge

DOWN

1. "Gentleman's Agreement" star
2. "Carmen" solo
3. "Giving You the Best That —"
4. Meta-physician Immanuel
5. Depose
6. Reaction to the Girl from Ipanema
7. Wild sheep
8. Hearer
9. At right angles to the fore-and-aft line
10. Vonnegut work
11. As well

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24. Give it — (try)
25. Statesman Hammarskjöld
26. Printers' measures
27. Bric-a—
28. Kind of black tea
29. — for Us
30. Lovesick looks
33. Cager Shaquille
34. Like some recipe measures
36. — Moines
37. Rich kid's 16th-birthday present
38. Conclusions
40. Gain altitude

43. After boo or ya
44. Quick
45. Resembling: suffix
49. Light reflectors
51. Sounded wowed
52. Female sheep
53. Proceeds
54. — to leap tall buildings...
55. Lemon peel, in a recipe
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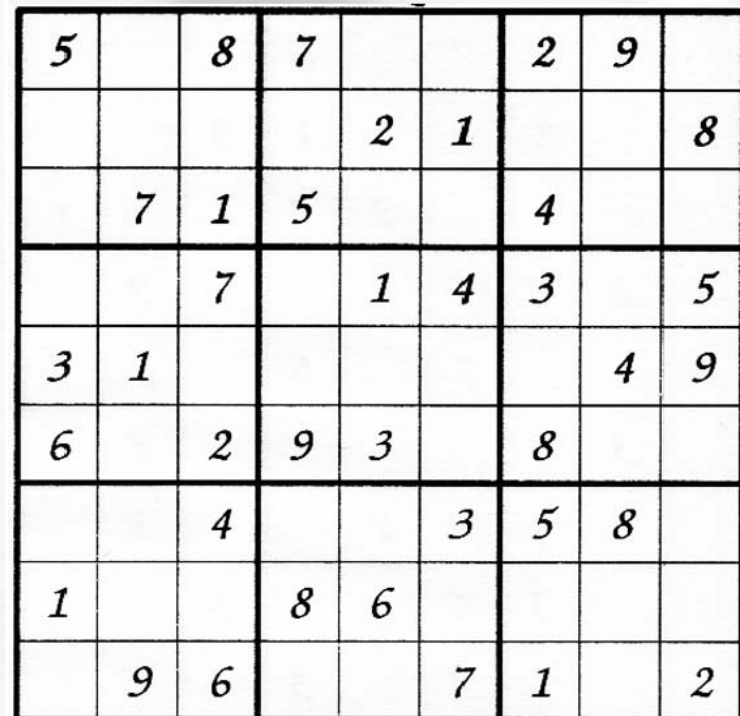
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Finance**RIM shares soar on takeover rumors**

OTTAWA (AFP) - Research In Motion's shares took off Wednesday amid unconfirmed reports that tech heavyweights Microsoft, Nokia and Amazon had looked to take over the BlackBerry smartphone maker.

The Wall Street Journal on Tuesday reported that US software giant Microsoft and Finnish cell phone behemoth Nokia mulled a joint takeover of RIM in recent months.

Other reports said online retailer Amazon had separately weighed an offer for Canada's largest technology company.

The speculation drove a seven percent jump in RIM shares in morning trading in Toronto, to Can\$13.86 (US\$13.48).

RIM would not confirm or deny it held takeover talks with any of the companies.

"Sorry, RIM's standard policy is to decline comment on rumors and speculation," a spokesman told AFP in an email.

National Bank Financial analyst Kris Thompson said it is "very unlikely" that anyone including Amazon, Microsoft or Nokia would buy RIM now, "given the company's dismal performance and uncertain outlook."

He predicted BlackBerry sales to fall significantly over the coming year, adding, "This has to scare buyers off for now."

RIM shares have lost 80 percent of their value this year.

A costly BlackBerry service outage and deep discounting of the price of its PlayBook tablet computer were cited last week as factors in the company's latest gloomy earnings figures.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

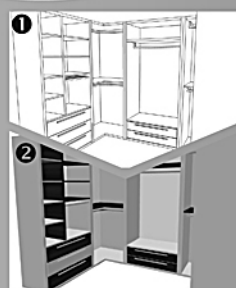
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EU chiefs wasted year not tackling crisis: IMF

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The IMF's chief economist said Wednesday that dithering EU policy makers had wasted a year and allowed their crisis to deteriorate, leaving Europe more exposed to "schizophrenic" investors.

Olivier Blanchard described 2011 as a year of missed opportunities to reverse the economic crisis in Europe.

The keys to resolving the crisis remain the same, he said: extra funds available for governments under stress and real implementation of coherent and cohesive solutions.

"We started 2011 in recovery mode, admittedly weak

and unbalanced, but nevertheless there was hope," Blanchard, director of the International Monetary Fund's research department, said in a year-end review.

"Yet, as the year draws to a close, the recovery in many advanced economies is at a standstill, with some investors even exploring the implications of a potential breakup of the eurozone, and the real possibility that conditions may be worse than we saw in 2008."

Blanchard said the indecisions and incomplete measures that come out of summits of leaders are making things worse, revealing to investors

the limits of policy.

There was also some criticism for financial institutions, who Blanchard said schizophrenic about fiscal consolidation and growth," urging countries to both grow and cut spending.

Investors support countries on the first news of governments cutting their spending, but then sell when government policy results in lower growth.

Blanchard said many EU countries were caught in destructive interlinked loops of expectations -- forced to take action to impress creditors that make the situation worse and scare creditors away.

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'27 Club' of dead rockers is a myth, says study

PARIS (AFP) - Fame boosts the risk of early death for rock stars but the claim that the peril is greatest at the age of 27 is false, according to a study published by the British Medical Journal (BMJ).

The theory of the "27 Club" spread earlier this year when Amy Winehouse joined Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain and Brian Jones and other musicians who succumbed to the rock'n'roll lifestyle while in their 27th year.

Health statisticians led by Adrian Barnett of the Queensland University of Technology in Australia put the "27 Club" hypothesis to the test.

They compiled a data base of 1,046 musicians -- solo artists and band members -- who had a No. 1 album in the British charts between 1956 and 2007, a net that included balladeers, pop singers, R&B and heavy metal.

The first No. 1 was Frank Sinatra's Songs for Swinging Lovers! on July 28 1956, and the last was Leona Lewis' Spirit on November 18 2007.

During the period under study, 71 of the musicians died, equivalent to seven percent of the sample.

But there was no peak at all in deaths at the age of 27.

On the other hand, musicians in their 20s and 30s were two to three times likelier to die prematurely than the general British population.

"The 27 Club is unlikely to be a real phenomenon," says the paper.

"Fame may increase the risk of death among musicians, but this risk is not limited to age 27."

Historically, the big risk period for rock'n'roll fame appears to be the 1970s and early 80s, the researchers say.

After that, the number of deaths among the chart-toppers fell sharply. Indeed, there was a period in the late eighties when there were no mortalities at all.

Why this is so is unclear -- it could be that treatment for drug overdoses and addiction improved, and thus saved musicians in danger.

The "27 Club" gained cur-

rency with Winehouse's death in July, prompting the explanation that musicians often become famous in their early twenties, and their risk-taking peaks four to five years later.

A more insidious argument was that musicians craving immortality subconsciously became bigger risk-takers, or even committed suicide, in order to join rock's dead elite.

Faithful to the principles of scientific rigour, the authors of the study acknowledge that the data trawl has some flaws.

Three of the "27 Club" (Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Jim Morrison) did not have a No. 1 album in Britain and were thus excluded.

Kermit the Frog also had a No. 1 at this time with the Muppets.

The bulgy-eyed amphibian and his chums are not known for substance abuse or playing with guns.

So in an act of statistical fairness, the study included the mortality rate among the actors who played their parts.

CoverGirl pulls 'enhanced' Taylor Swift mascara ad

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A mascara ad featuring Taylor Swift has been pulled from US magazines following a complaint that it had been digitally altered to enhance the looks of the chart-topping country music star.

The National Advertising Division (NAD) of the Council of Better Business Bureaus Claims said Procter and Gamble, maker of CoverGirl cosmetics, "discontinued the advertisement in question" after it challenged its claims.

"The advertising at issue featured a celebrity looking up to highlight her long eyelashes," it said in a statement, referring to Swift, 22, a clean-living role model for many young American women.

"Beneath was the disclaimer, 'lashes enhanced in post-production,'" it added.

The division, a self-regulatory forum for the ad industry, had questioned CoverGirl's claim that its NatureLuxe Mousse Mascara doubled the volume of bare lashes and that it was 20 percent lighter than



"the most expensive mascara."

"Upon receipt of NAD's initial inquiry, the advertiser advised NAD it had permanently discontinued all of the challenged claims and the photograph in the advertisement," it said.

There was no immediate comment from Procter and Gamble or from Swift, who in a CBS television interview last month spoke of how conscious she is of the influence she has among her fans.

Just in time for gift giving season: the new Mario Hernandez Collection



crafted leather goods is complemented by a stunning hand woven or painted silk scarves and shawls to affect beautifully coordinated look. Sumptuous knit tops sport their famous Chrysalis design and unicorn logo in trendy hues.

Sleek and stylish fashionistas of either gender will be well pleased with the new Mario Hernandez collection, available exclusively at the signature store

Finely crafted, stylish leather accessories and luggage are the hallmark of the Mario Hernandez store in Paseo Herencia Mall, and they are very excited to have just received the newest collection for 2012, just in time for holiday gift giving.

Two distinctive collections feature the lively work of artists Debilzan and Vianey for eye-turning handbags, luggage and wallets that make great gifts and stocking stuffers for either gender. For the woman who has everything, the one-of-a-kind, fuchsia Mia bag made of pure leather embossed with a contemporary rose pattern will make a unique gift she will treasure. There is no other bag from Mario Hernandez Couture quite like it. —literally!

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THE MORNING NEWS met eatery, Chez Mathilde, taste-testing team had a very, but has now realized her very pleasant surprise when long-time dream of welcoming and befriending patrons

and menu reflecting her great enthusiasm for fine food and quality service. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, after only one year they are receiving rave reviews under the original name, Caribbean Palm Restaurant. Sca-beche is homage to the unique regional cooking which is their specialty, native to Peru and other Latin countries, but with a distinctly Caribbean flavor.

We absolutely must rave about their signature dish, Catch of the Day Escabeche, moist and fresh; we had grouper in a singular sauce that has us ready to go back ASAP for another helping. We also sampled the Shrimp and Scallops appetizer and the Ceviche Aruban Style, as well as the Fruitti di Mare en Casserole, and recommend each of them highly. Scabeche is heaven for seafood lovers, but landlubbers will also be extremely pleased with the Tenderloin Tika, a HUGE steak skewer with loads of fresh vegetables.

Aside from their extremely pleasing and affordable regular menu, each night features some distinctive specialty. Monday is Carnival, with a show, Tuesday is Italian night, including a free Caesar salad, Wednesday is All You Can Eat BBQ Ribs for only \$19.95 and Thursday is Karaoke Party night with famed island entertainer Lloyd Baptiste, which features 2 for 1 drinks with free snacks from 8 to 10 p.m.

Scabeche is a welcome addition to the Palm Beach roster of restaurants and definitely deserves discovering. Diners will love the tranquil setting, excellent and friendly service, along with a very reasonably priced menu featuring several distinctive and delectable dishes.

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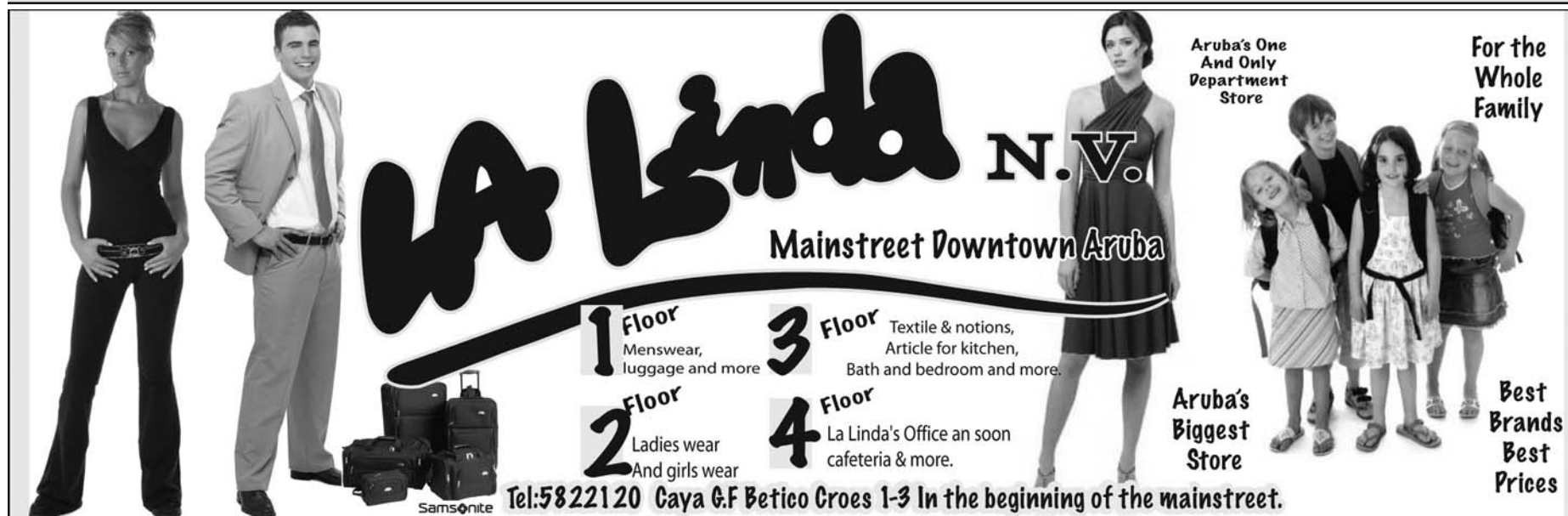


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Boxer Mayweather gets 90 jail days in Vegas case



Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. here in court with attorney Karen Winckler.

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Unbeaten American boxing champion Floyd May-

weather has been sentenced to three months in jail Wednesday after pleading

guilty to domestic violence and harassment charges.

Las Vegas judge Melissa Saragosa also ordered Mayweather to complete 100 hours of community service and gave him a \$2,500 fine.

The plea means the 34-year-old boxer will not go to trial on charges he hit his ex-girlfriend and threatened two of their children during an argument at her home 15 months ago.

Mayweather, who is in line for a possible fight with Filipino superstar Manny Pacquiao, is the current World Boxing Council welterweight champ and has a record of 42 wins and no losses.

Nowitzki's Mavs get their revenge over Miami

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The National Basketball Association season started with "The Decision" and ended with vindication.

The Los Angeles Lakers were chasing history by pursuing another title and the Miami

Heat were partying on South Beach even before the season started, but it was the Dallas Mavericks who came in and stole the show in 2010-11.

Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks overcame years of play-off failures to capture their first ever NBA championship by

upsetting the Heat in six games.

The Heat had a constellation of stars surrounded by unprecedented hype but the Mavericks team of 30-somethings led by Germany's Nowitzki got their revenge in the NBA finals.

"He made us raise our game to another level. That's when you have a superstar," said Mavericks Jason Terry of the 32-year-old Nowitzki.

In 2006, the same teams met in the NBA finals with the Heat coming out on top. Nowitzki came under heavy criticism after the Mavericks blew a 2-0 series lead and lost in six games.

This time, Nowitzki had to convince his teammates things would be different. He did this by engineering one of the gutsiest performances in NBA finals history.

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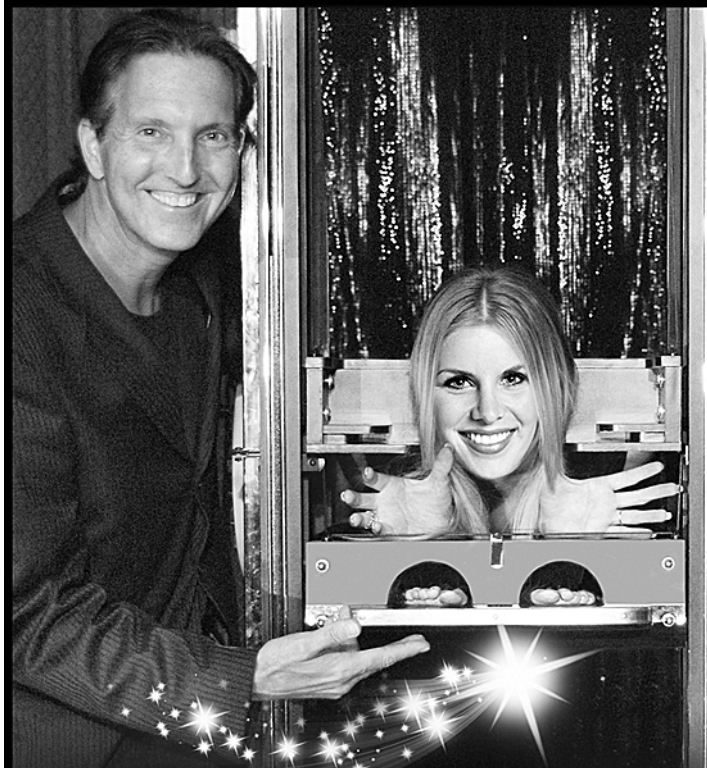
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The Heat cruised to an eight point win in game one but Dallas rallied to win game two by just two points as Nowitzki led the Mavericks to victory with a torn tendon in his left hand.

Dallas lost game three at home but rebounded to beat the Heat in game four with Nowitzki, still playing with a bandaged left hand, leading the way with 21 points despite fighting a 38 degree Celsius (101F) fever.

Nowitzki scored 29 points in a game five victory, then combined with Terry to score 48 points in the clincher as Dallas earned their first NBA championship with a 105-95 victory.

Miami's season was a roller-coaster ride from the beginning. James' controversial one-hour special on American sports cable network ESPN, called "The Decision", rubbed a lot of people the wrong way, making the Heat one of the

most scrutinized and reviled teams in history.

The parade down South Beach had started and the Heat hadn't even won a game.

After bringing in free agents James and Chris Bosh to play alongside Dwyane Wade and form a trio of superstars, they started the season with just nine wins and eight losses.

Many anointed them NBA champs before the season began and when the Heat later won 21 of 22 it looked like the mighty juggernaut was steaming right along.

While they made the playoffs look easy they also caught a couple of breaks. Chicago Bulls Derrick Rose looked like anything but the league MVP in the semi-finals and Miami caught another break in the quarter-finals when Celtics Rajon Rondo dislocated his elbow in game three.

Dallas also ended the sto-

ried coaching career of Phil Jackson by sweeping the Los Angeles Lakers in four straight in the quarter-finals.

The two-time defending champs had their core of players like Kobe Bryant, Derek Fisher and Paul Gasol but the Lakers slipped out of top spot in the conference for the first time in four years.

Bryant won the MVP of the all-star game but hardly anyone remembers. The most enduring moment of the contest was Clippers' rising star and

league rookie of the year Blake Griffin leaping over a car to jam the ball home during the slam-dunk competition.

Like the underdog Mavericks, the Oklahoma City Thunder exceeded expectations and now look poised to join the NBA's elite.

In the end, Nowitzki was the one who exorcised his playoff demons, leaving James and the Heat out in the cold and wondering what went wrong with their dream season.

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Spain top FIFA rankings for fourth year running

PARIS (AFP) - World and European champions Spain will end the year as the world's number one ranked football team after the FIFA rankings were announced on Wednesday.

Spain, who thus secure top spot for the fourth consecutive year, were ousted only once in 2011 when they handed first place to Netherlands for a one-month spell in August.

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Sarah-Quita Ofringa is Aruba's ISAF Rolex World Sailor of 2011



Aruba is extremely proud of her own Sarah-Quita Ofringa and of her fantastic windsurfing exploits. Ofringa has often been the reason for Aruba getting excellent press coverage because of Ofringa's windsurfing success. Just recently Sara-Quita participated in ISAF's (International Sailing Federation) "ISAF Rolex World Sailor of

the Year Award 2011" championship for which Sarah-Quita was among the 4 nominees of the world.

The ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Award was based on the successes during the qualification period of September 1st to August 31st, 2011. The young 20 year old Sarah-Quita succeeded in winning 2 world

championships in 12 months, which caused quite an impact in the world of Sailing because of her young age. Sarah-Quita dominates two types of surfing which demands a great deal of dedication, and constant training. Once more Sarah-Quita has promoted her island, wind-surfing, the youth and has caused an impact in the world of sports as a young 20 year old youth, according to Aruba's Minister of Public Health.

The prestigious CNN News channel interviewed Sarah-Quita as one of the nominees at the tremendous ceremony held at the historic Cuartel de Ballaja building in Puerto Rico. Aruba is certainly very proud to see Sarah-Quita among the finest wind surfers of the world in an action packed video demonstrating her exceptional talent.

CNN's coverage appeared to be especially focused on Sarah-Quita in her freestyle slalom on the ocean and then on the interview with CNN's reporters.

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